

## Two Choked to Death on Negro Tenement Roof

White Men, Strangled With Own Cravats, Believed Lured to Craps Game and Slain by Robbers

Clerk Discovers Body One Victim Identified by Father, Other Unknown; Iron Slug Found Near By

Two white men were found strangled to death with their own cravats yesterday on the roof of a negro tenement in West Fifty-ninth Street, on the border of the San Juan Hill district. Their pockets had been turned inside out and even their shoes had been removed in the search for money and valuables.

One body was identified as that of Louis Rothstein, of 224 West Sixty-ninth Street. The body of the other victim has not been identified.

George Hultgren, of 78 Thirty-ninth Street, Corona, Queens, called the attention of the police to the first body discovered, that of the unidentified man. Hultgren is a clerk in the employ of the Gotham National Bank, and works on the seventeenth floor of the building at Broadway and Fifty-ninth Street.

A fascinating panorama of New York, including the ceaseless traffic of Columbus Circle, the green expanse of the park with Millionaires' Row beyond and the teeming tenements of San Juan Hill is spread out below the windows of George Hultgren's office.

Glanced Down at Roof

It is his habit to snatch a glance at his contrasting surroundings before opening his ledger and at 8:30 yesterday morning he was staring over the rooftops of San Juan Hill and trying to reconstruct families from their flapping washings as a paleontologist reconstructs a prehistoric monster from a few bones.

One roof bore no washing. It was that of the five-story tenement at 321 West Fifty-ninth Street. Midway between the scuttles and the coping, however, was a bundle of clothing flat on the roof which bore a grotesque resemblance of humanity and the bank clerk's eyes roved over it curiously.

The man, edging his way to the taller buildings of Columbus Circle, suddenly shot a beam straight across the heap of clothing and Hultgren started back in horror as a dead man's face emerged from the pile and leered up at him from the roof.

Hultgren notified the police and soon the roof of 321 West Fifty-ninth Street was swarming with uniformed men. The unusual activity of the rooftops caught the eye of W. C. Lewis, a negro, as soon as he emerged from the scuttles of the tenement in which he lives at 389 West Fifty-ninth Street and he saw a man's head peering out from the top floor of 349 West Fifty-ninth Street.

Lewis was staring so fixedly at the group of bluecoats on the neighboring roof that he failed to notice an obstruction in his accustomed thoroughfare until his foot struck it and he stumbled. Only his outthrust arms prevented him from falling full across the body of Rothstein, who was stretched out dead at his feet.

One glance at the nature of the obstacle which had felled him, and Lewis was speeding with mighty strides toward the knot of policemen on the roof of 321 West Fifty-ninth Street, which had suddenly been transformed from an object of suspicion to a haven of refuge.

In response to his frantic appeals they went back to the roof of 339, where they found Rothstein's body. Near it lay a bit of iron which had once been part of a stove grate. It was stained with blood, to which a few hairs of the same hue as Rothstein's clung. There was a wound on Rothstein's head, such as might have been caused had the bit of stove grate been hurled as a missile and struck him.

It is believed that Rothstein was fleeing for his life when brought down by the iron, and that his assailants then strangled him. The other white man, it is believed, fought it out where his body was found and was overcome and strangled there.

Rothstein was thirty-three years old. He was an insurance collector and married, although he had not lived with his wife for several months. Letters found in his pockets gave the address of his father, Elias, who has a tailor shop at 217 West End Avenue, and led to the identification of the body.

Man Often Carried Money

Elias Rothstein said that his son often carried from \$35 to \$75 for him Thursday nights to the meeting of a credit men's association, for which the elder Rothstein collected dues, but that last Thursday night he took the money there himself. He could not explain how his son came to go to the roof of the negro tenement.

Tenement roofs in the San Juan Hill neighborhood are the recreation ground for the denizens of the buildings at night. There craps shooting, gin rinking and many other diversions flourish. It is thought that the two whites were lured to the spot for a craps game or by some other excuse, and that one of them was incautious enough to display a sum of money sufficient to arouse the murderous cupid-ity of his hosts.

The police are confident that negroes did the killing because of the fact that the victims' shoes had been removed. Negroes are accustomed to hide valuables in their shoes, it was said, and naturally would seek valuables there.

Army Airship C-2 Leaves Ohio Field for St. Louis

Stops Only Two Hours to Replenish Gasoline Supply; Reported Over Cincinnati

DAYTON, Ohio, Sept. 15.—The United States Army airship C-2 left Wilbur Wright Field, near this city, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, on its way to St. Louis, Mo., the next stop on a transcontinental flight to end at Los Angeles, Calif. The airship had been at the local field for about two hours, while her gasoline tanks were filled. She sailed directly toward Cincinnati from the flying field, not passing over Dayton.

The C-2 arrived at Wright Field from Akron shortly before 2 o'clock, having passed over Columbus on the way. Major Strauss, in command, said that an average height of 1,500 feet and a speed of forty-five miles an hour had been maintained.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.—The C-2 flew over Cincinnati at 5:15 o'clock this afternoon. The airship circled about the downtown district and then flew westward.

Grapes \$120 a Ton SANTA ROSA, Calif., Sept. 15.—Alcanta grapes sold here today for \$120 a ton for New York shipment. This is five times the average price before prohibition.

## Ash Can Mercury Pills Poison Two Children

Dorothy Casey, six, and Lester Lehrer, five, were taken from their homes at 212 West 109th Street to St. Luke's Hospital last night suffering from bichloride of mercury poisoning. According to the story which the girl told to Detectives Giery and Morrell, of the West 100th Street station, she found a bottle containing two blue pills in an ash can at 109th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, tried one herself and gave one to Lester.

The boy had disliked the taste and had taken so little of the poison into his system that he is thought to be out of danger. Dorothy, however, swallowed her pill and is in a critical condition.

## 400,000 at Mardi Gras; Police Chiefs See Parade

Senator Calder's Wife Entertains Wounded Marines at Hotel Shelburne

Four hundred thousand persons attended the Mardi Gras at Coney Island last night, and an even greater crowd is expected to be on hand to-day and to-night. The chief feature yesterday was the parade of the municipal life guards and 3,500 members of the Knights of Pythias. The guests of honor last night were the delegates to the international convention of police chiefs.

Mrs. William E. Calder, wife of the Senator, entertained twenty wounded marines at dinner at the Hotel Shelburne last night and then took them by motor to boxes on Surf Avenue, where they reviewed the parade.

The baby show this afternoon should be a treat. Hundreds of babies all over the metropolitan district are being groomed for this event and the winner, who doubtless will be as frequently photographed as the Prince of Wales, will be announced to-morrow.

## Representative Parker Hurt

EAGLE BRIDGE, N. Y., Sept. 15.—James S. Parker, of Salem, Representative in Congress of the 29th District, was injured near here to-day in an automobile accident. The steering gear of the machine in which Mr. Parker was driving from Albany to his home at Salem, broke, the car ran into a ditch and overturned. Mr. Parker suffered bruises and cuts about the head and an injury to his shoulders.

## Clerk Admits \$100,000 Theft To Play Market

Brokers' Aid, Missing Two Days, Gives Self Up and Confesses Losing Firm's Money in Wall Street

Offers to Check-up Books

Attorney Declares Gage Attempted to Jump From Window Before Surrender

A full confession was made yesterday to the District Attorney's office, it was announced there yesterday, by Henry P. Gage, clerk for Danzig & Co., stock brokers, of 100 Broadway and 200 Fifth Avenue, who is charged with misappropriating \$100,000 in cash and securities. Gage surrendered himself early in the day, having been missing since Wednesday.

"Gage voluntarily appeared before me and made a complete statement of his embezzlement and a complete statement, likewise, of why he committed it and what he spent the money for," said Assistant District Attorney Hastings.

Jerome J. Danzig, head of the brokerage firm, who went to the District Attorney's office after Gage's arrival, said that the total amount taken was \$115,000, of which \$45,000 was cash and \$70,000 curb market securities. The firm will only lose \$15,000, however, since it holds a bond for \$100,000 to cover that amount of loss.

Made Complete Confession

Gage, who is forty-four years old, and lives at 621 West 171st Street, appeared at the Criminal Courts Building with Bernard Sandler, attorney. Mr. Sandler said that Gage had made a complete confession and had offered to aid the surety company and the brokers in straightening out the books and showing where the missing money and securities went. Before he would talk to the District Attorney, however, Gage said he did not intend to retain Mr. Sandler, and the attorney withdrew.

After he had been placed under arrest by Detective Barney Flood, Gage was taken to the complaint bureau, where he was questioned by District Attorney Barton and Assistant District Attorney Hastings. When the examination was concluded Mr. Hastings

said that Gage told them he had begun trading under his own name in curb stocks about three years ago and that he later opened two accounts under fictitious names. These accounts soon showed losses, and Gage entered a pool on the Street. He withdrew money and securities to maintain his place in the pool, a little at a time.

Remained in New York

On Wednesday morning Gage did not go to his office, and Mr. Danzig, who had suspected something was wrong for several days, sent for accountants to examine the books. Gage did not leave the city, he told Mr. Hastings, but went to the Hotel Theresa. Mr. Danzig found that the greater part of the loss had happened since August 23.

Mr. Danzig said he was sorry at the position Gage found himself in. He had been the trusted chief clerk and office manager, Mr. Danzig said, and he had nothing left out of his embezzlements.

Before withdrawing from the case at Gage's request Mr. Sandler told reporters that on Wednesday night Gage tried to jump out of a window in an uptown office building, but that friends caught him before he made the jump. Gage spent the night at Police Headquarters.

## Records Show De Valera Was Born in N. Y. City

Birth to Irish Mother and Spanish Father Recorded Here in 1882

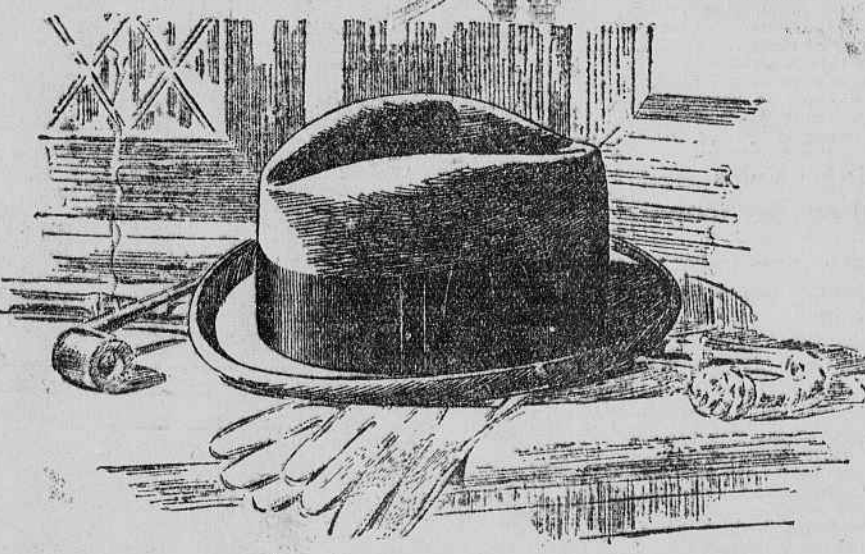
The controversy regarding the birthplace of Eamon de Valera, the Irish republican leader, appears to have been settled by the discovery in the records of the New York City Health Department of the birth in 1882 of one Edward de Valera, the son of a Spanish father and an Irish mother. The point has been recently raised by a conflict of authority between the British "Who's Who," and the Encyclopedia Britannica. "Who's Who," says De Valera was born in New York. The Britannica has it that he was born on October 14, 1882, near Charleville, County Cork.

ROCHESTER, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Charles E. Wheelwright, of this city, mother of Eamon De Valera, Irish republican leader, had a hearty laugh to-day, when told the surety company and the brokers in straightening out the books and showing where the missing money and securities went. Before he would talk to the District Attorney, however, Gage said he did not intend to retain Mr. Sandler, and the attorney withdrew.

Further than that Mrs. Wheelwright would not commit herself. She refused to divulge the birthplace of her son, although she admitted that as a boy, he lived within a stone's throw of the Christian Brothers' Academy, which he later attended.

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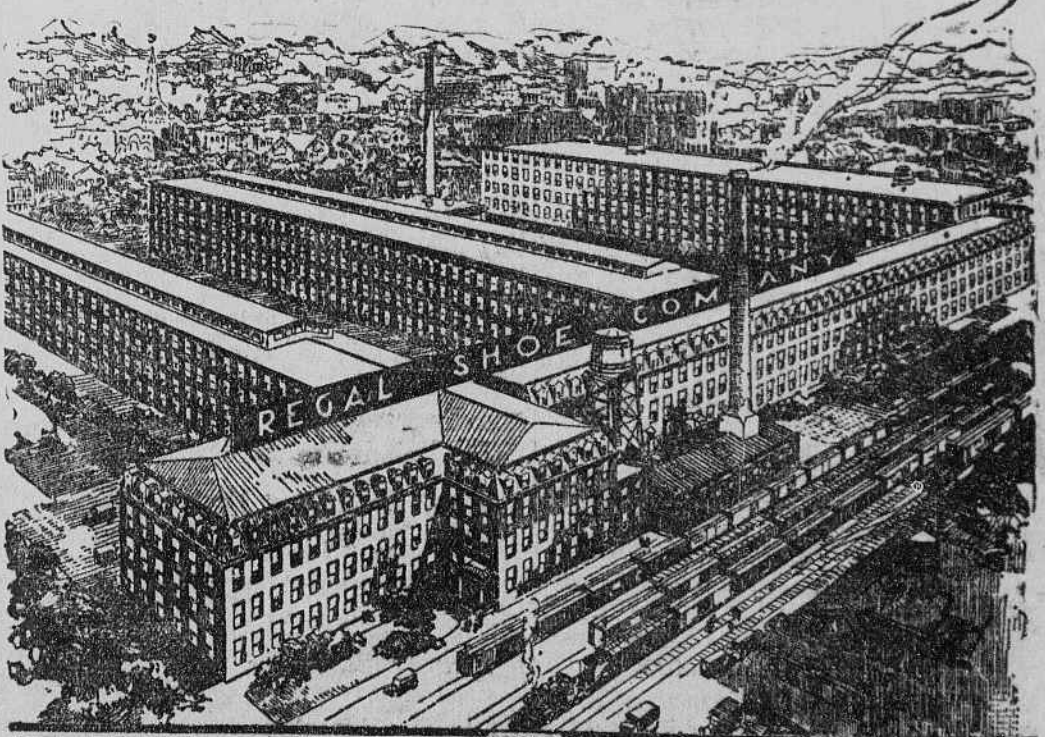
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